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Hannah, the wife of Imran and mother of Mariam ﷺ, gave her daughter into the care of Allah from Iblees, the rejected. Even as a child Mariam ﷺ was an exceptionally pious girl.

She would pray in seclusion day and night. One night she was praying in her chamber when an angel came to her and gave her the good news that Allah had chosen her to be the mother of a son.

Mariam ﷺ was horrified and exclaimed, “How can that be possible? No man has ever touched me.” The angel replied, “It is easy for Allah, He just has to utter the word ‘Be’, and so it is.” Mariam ﷺ accepted Allah’s decree and moved to a remote place to have the baby.







She lay alone in great distress with nothing to eat or drink when she heard a voice nearby saying, “Allah has provided a rivulet by your side and shake the tree trunk above you, it will let fall ripe dates upon you. If anybody talks to you tell them with gestures that you have vowed a fast to Allah and will not talk to anyone.” Thus Mariam ﷺ ate and drank and by not talking to anyone conserved her energy till she gave birth to the prophet Isa ﷺ.

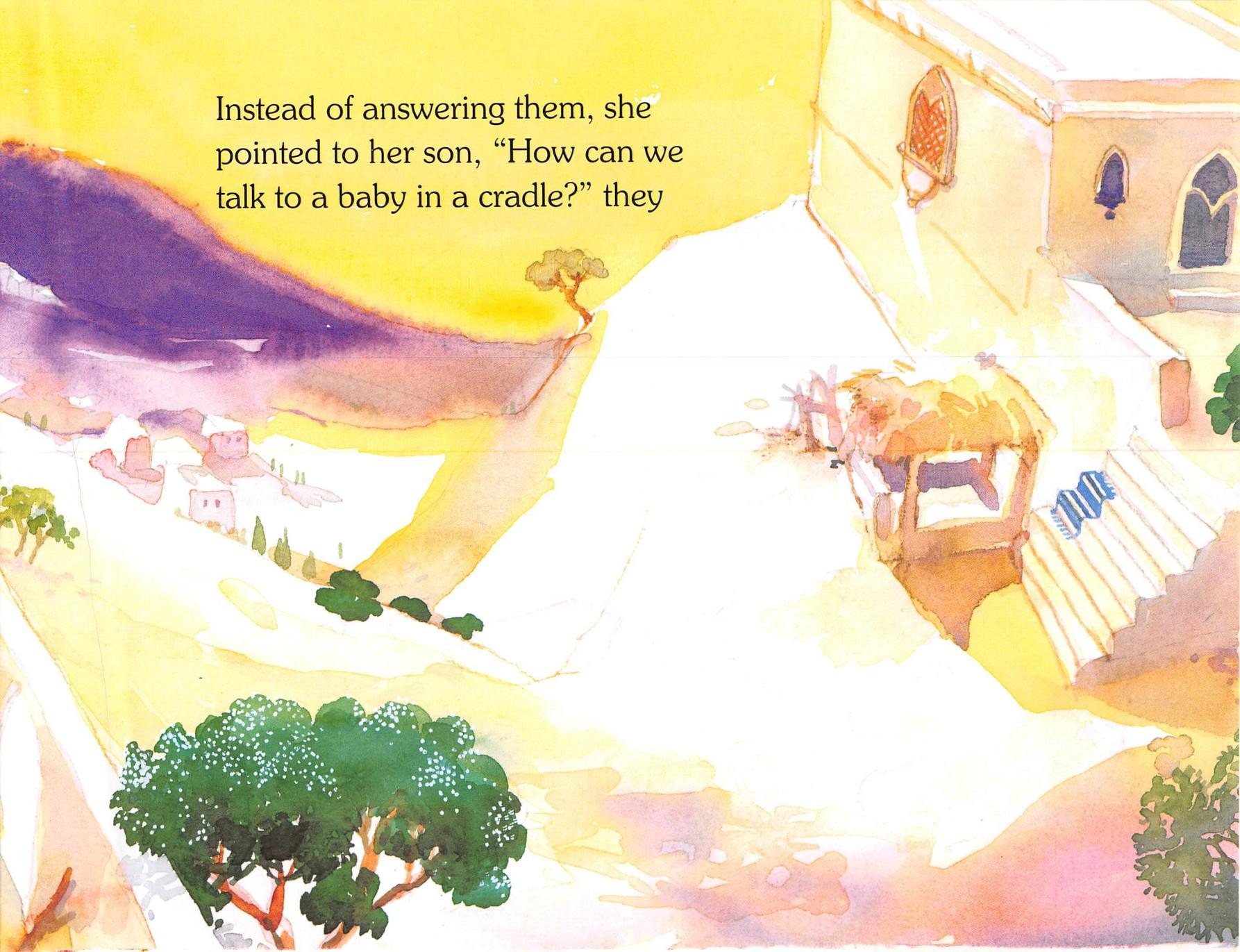


Allah sent an angel to inform Mariam ﷺ that she had nothing to fear, her son would talk in the crib and would be granted many miracles. So it was, she carried the baby back to her people. They were shocked and said sarcastically, "What an amazing thing you have brought Mariam ﷺ ! Your father was not an evil man, what have you done?"





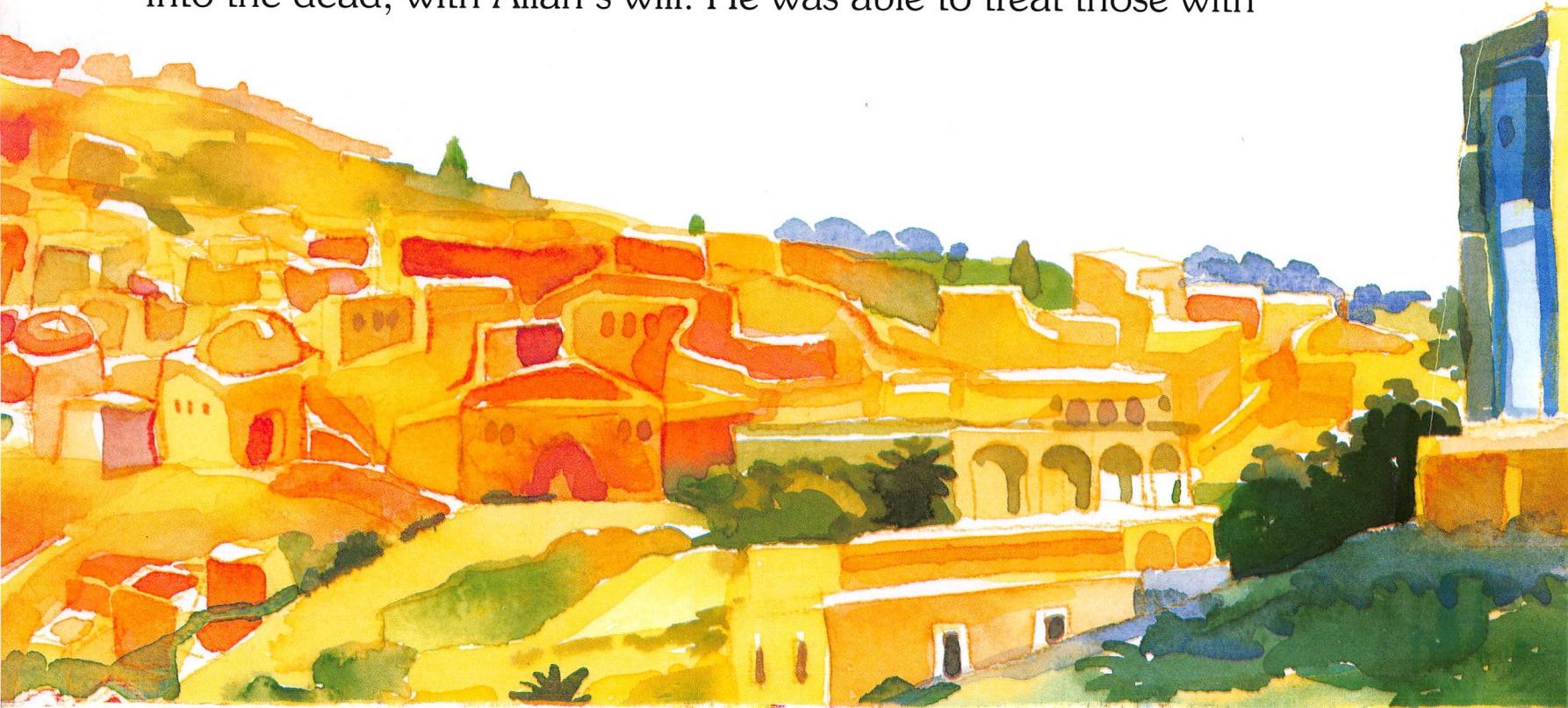




Instead of answering them, she pointed to her son, "How can we talk to a baby in a cradle?" they

asked Mariam ﷺ. Before she could reply, the baby Isa ﷺ called from his mother's arms to their greatest surprise, "I am indeed a prophet of Allah and He has blessed me." Isa's ﷺ birth was likened by Allah to that of Adam ﷺ, without a father. Isa ﷺ was a human and a prophet of Allah.

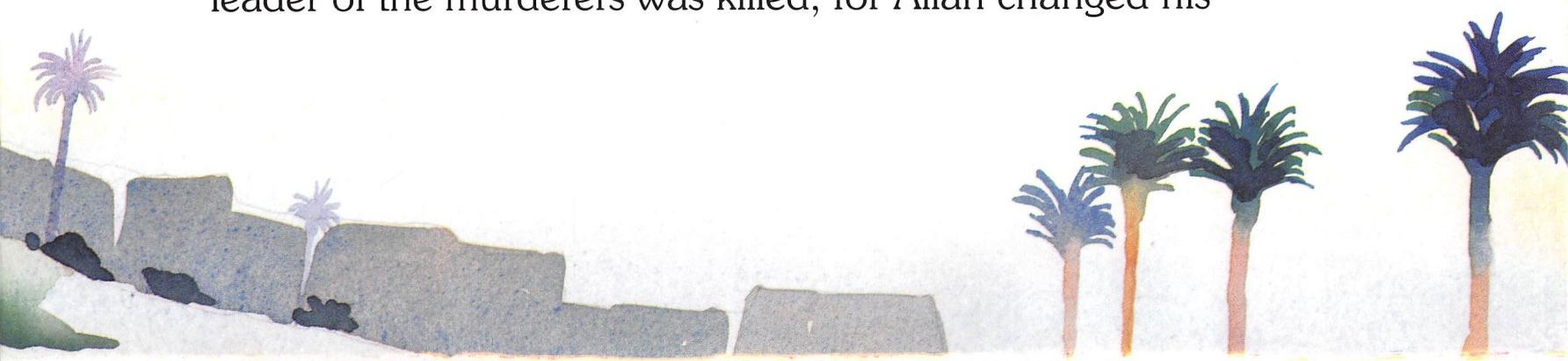
As he grew up he could perform many miracles. He could put life into the dead, with Allah's will. He was able to treat those with







leprosy by just touching them. He was given these miracles to bring people to the true faith, so that they would stop worshipping gods and start worshipping the one and only Allah, but few believed him. Most of them turned against him for condemning their wrong ways and plotted to kill him. Allah raised Isa ﷺ up into the heavens, alive; and in his place the leader of the murderers was killed, for Allah changed his



appearance so that he looked exactly like Isa ﷺ and thus he paid in this world for his misdeed. No harm can ever come to those who are on the right path.

Learn more about the central idea and message Allah has sent for us in the Quran.

Surah Al-Imran: 3: 35 , 42-51, 58-61

Surah Mariam: 19: 16-37

